

S/N 10/798,149
Reply to Office Action of December 2, 2005

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 2 has been amended editorially to address the indefiniteness issue.

The primary issue raised in the Office Action is a rejection of claims 1-13 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0137320 (Komori et al.). The reference has an effective prior art date of June 26, 2003, which is subsequent to the priority date for the present application. Therefore the reference is not available as prior art and the rejection is moot. Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the rejection. A verified translation of the priority application is filed herewith.

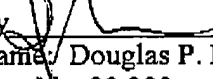
In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued on this case. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.



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